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| Title: | : | Alloy Type Thermal Fuse and Material for a Thermal Fuse Element | |

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006 (Paper No. 20060919) in the above application. This response is being timely filed by December 27, 2006.

REMARKS

Claims 3-58 are presently pending in the application. Claims 19-22 and 39-58 remain withdrawn from consideration. Claims 3-10 and 23-30 are generic.

Prior Art Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 13-266724 ("JP '724") and has rejected claims 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '724 in view of JP 40-3110732 ("JP '732"). Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 23-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '724 and JP '732 in view of GB 2028608 ("GB '608"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and the arguments in support thereof as follows, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.